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Garcia Calls on United States Senate to Nominate Miguel Estrada *Urges Michigan's United States Senators to support vote*

LANSING – Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, today sponsored Senate Concurrent Resolution 23 urging Michigan's United States Senators to support the floor vote and nomination of judicial nominee Miguel Estrada to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

“Miguel Estrada has proven himself to have the credentials, knowledge and experience befitting a judge of the United States Court of Appeals,” Garcia said. “Mr. Estrada has gained widespread support from individuals on both sides of the aisle; the vote on his nomination is long overdue.”

Mr. Estrada was nominated by President George W. Bush to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Court on May 9, 2001.

“I am glad to see President Bush continue his practice of naming highly qualified individuals of all ethnic backgrounds to the Judicial Branch as well as to his administration,” Garcia added.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee issued a favorable report to the United States Senate for his nomination. The U.S. Senate has not yet taken a vote on his nomination due to the Democratic Senators' threats to filibuster a Senate floor vote.

“Michigan residents have benefited from our Legislature working together with the Democratic Governor in a non-partisan fashion to nominate qualified and established leaders,” Garcia said. “I hope the federal government can learn from our example and work through partisan issues for the well-being of United States citizens.”

Mr. Estrada, an immigrant from Honduras, graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University and Harvard Law School.